

GOVERNMENT BUYS SOUTHEAST HOMES

Makes First Purchase of Ground
on Which to Enlarge Naval
Gun Plant.

REALTY TRADING INCREASES

Larger Corresponding Jump
Shown in Past Week Over
Same Period in 1916.

The United States was the largest investor in Washington real estate during the second week of January. The Government purchased for \$32,500 several small houses at Fourth and N streets southeast, adjoining the present western boundary of the navy yard. The purchase marks the beginning of the acquisition of the entire square 801, lying between Third and Fourth, M and N streets southeast, for an addition to the naval gun plant. The land conveyed yesterday belonged to Lucie D. M. Vaughan and to Leonard C. Gunnell, trustees. Negotiations are pending for other portions of the square.

Realty trading experienced a decided increase during the past six days, exceeding by more than 50 per cent the activity of the initial week of the New Year. The loans of the past week more than doubled the record of the preceding week. The brokers reported a continued demand for small properties and increased inquiries for large investments.

Involved in Week's Record. Involved in the week's record of 154 transactions were 371 lots and parcels of real estate. In the corresponding week of 1916 only 97 sales were made, and only 213 lots changed owners. During the first week of this month 7 trades were effected, comprising 155 parcels.

Trading was well distributed throughout the week. Wednesday was the banner day with a total of 25 deals, followed closely by Monday's record of 23 sales. Tuesday and Friday were tied with 21 trades each. There were 10 sales recorded on Saturday and 14 on Thursday. County property continued to attract the investor. The outlying suburbs led the market with 135 parcels conveyed and the near-urban district was in second place with ninety-nine lots to its credit. The Government's purchase swelled the total of the southeast to sixty-two lots. There were fifty-five lots conveyed in the northwest, fifteen in the northeast, and seven in the southwest.

Purchased Several Lots. The Anderson Tire Manufacturing Company purchased from Oscar C. Brothers, Jr., several lots in the subdivision of Fairlawn. The property is near the Anacostia river. It is not known if the company will locate a plant on the land.

The Capuchin Monks may locate a house of studies near the Catholic University. Last Wednesday the province of St. Augustine of the Capuchin Order took title to a portion of Turkey Thicket. The land was purchased from Charles Welsch and William Roit. The consideration is not made public.

Charles P. Stone and Charles W. Fairfax purchased premises 915 E street northwest. The houses in this block are being remodeled rapidly into business buildings. Only a nominal consideration appeared in the deed.

Ten lots at Seventeenth and E streets southeast were acquired this week by Clarence L. and Laura R. Parker. The property brought \$15,500.

Large Total of Loans. The total of loans made during the past six days was \$616,369.39. This sum was borrowed on the security of 193 lots at an average interest rate of 5.9 per cent.

The bulk of the loans were of the "straight" variety, which aggregated \$452,557.74. The building associations advanced to members \$128,450. The sum of all the notes given for deferred purchase money was \$35,361.65. County property won highest favor as a basis for loans, security being pledged for a total of \$430,431.15. Land in the northwest was encumbered to the extent of \$128,477.42. The record of loans in the other city sections was: Northeast, \$44,259; southeast, \$12,208.82; and southwest, \$1,000.

37,000 MILES IN MOVIES.

A Washington audience travelled 37,000 miles yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the National Geographic Society and ate their dinners at home.

C. J. Blanchard, of the Reclamation Service, lecturer and traveler, illustrated his lecture before an audience in the Masonic Auditorium, yesterday afternoon, with motion pictures, showing a journey through the picturesque southwest and then across the Western States to the Mt. Hood region of Oregon. E. M. Newman, world traveler, carried the audience which attended his lecture in the evening, through Hawaii and the Philippines.

CENTRAL MAKING BREAD

High School Lunchroom Provides
Its Own Supply.

There is more bread being consumed now at Central High School than at any previous time. The lunch room at the school has started to make its own bread, and the domestic science department will begin teaching bread making the next semester.

Previously all the bread eaten in the lunch room was purchased from local bakers. Sixty-five loaves a day are now made, and only the lack of help prevents a greater number. The cost of making the bread is slightly less than the cost from a baker. Bread can be made at home at practically the same cost at which it may be bought, the domestic science department says.

NEWS NOTES FROM CITY HIGH SCHOOLS

Activities of Students and
Their Various Organizations
Are Recorded.

A constitution will be adopted at the meeting of all those who have won letters in athletics at Tech Wednesday. The object of the club is to promote the welfare of the school through athletics.

To raise funds for a band for the cadets in the inauguration parade, motion pictures were shown at Tech Friday afternoon. Similar pictures are to be shown at Central, January 13.

The seventh issue of Tech Life, McKinley Manual Training School's paper, was published Friday.

Carbines For Cadets. Company C, of Tech, comprised of the smallest boys in the school, has just been issued carbines to replace the larger rifles.

Rifle practice at Tech is becoming popular. The Rifle Club practices Mondays, the cadets Tuesdays, and the rifle team Wednesdays. John Byler is captain of the team.

Carl Leopold, of the Bureau of Mines, is to give an illustrated lecture to the students of Tech on "Safety First in the Mines" Wednesday.

Opera Elimination. An elimination contest for the principal parts in "The Mikado," Tech's spring play, to be given March 15-17 at Central, was held Friday. There is to be a chorus of 30 in the performance. It is expected to procure the scenery used by the Aborn Opera Company. J. C. Smith is faculty director with Dora Walton in charge of the production committee.

The fifth semester of Tech is to give a dance at the Potomac Boat Club Friday.

Cadet uniforms were distributed to the members of the corps Thursday and Friday.

Talk on "War Games." Lieut. Norman B. Briscoe, cadet instructor, spoke on "War Games," at Tech last week.

The class song of the two-year graduating class of Business will be sung to the air of "How Can I Bear to Leave You," a German folk song that is popular among the Germans in the trenches.

"Look out for the paint" will be heard at Business frequently this week. Painters are giving portions of the building a new covering.

Commencement Dates.

Dates for midyear commencement exercises in the schools have been completed as follows: Business, two-year class, January 24 class night, January 29 graduation; four-year class, class night January 25, graduation January 30; Central, January 31; McKinley Manual Training School, February 1; Western, January 31.

Plans for class night of the two-year class at Business, which are to be a surprise, were discussed at a meeting of the executive committee Thursday.

Rapid progress in the teaching of life saving and swimming is being made by the girls of Central.

Play at Central. A scene from Dickens' "Black House" was presented at a meeting of the Dramatic Association of Central Wednesday.

Rehearsals for "The Garroters," which the February graduating class of Central is to present, were held Thursday. "The Rivals" will follow this play.

Regular swimming classes for girls will begin with the new semester at Central.

To Study Bank System. The banking system at Business is to be studied by two members of the Central banking staff this week.

PAINTER DEPICTS TYPE IN PORTRAIT

Baron Arpad Paszthory Is Completing Study of Miss
Hallie Davis.

DIAGNOSES AMERICAN GIRL

Artists Says They Have Free,
Sportive, and Fun Loving
Disposition.

Here is an up-to-date diagnosis of that international puzzle, the American girl, as made by Baron Arpad Paszthory, Hungarian painter:

She has a free, sportive and fun-loving disposition.

She likes fun, and is less sentimental than most other national types.

Her pose is free from mental constraint.

She is strong and athletic.

Above all things she is not the ball room type, and she should not be painted in evening gown. She is best interpreted in street, sport, or almost any other sort of attire.

Painted Miss Davis.

These comments, of this artist, now in Washington, throw light on his depiction of Miss Hallie Davis, of 1824 Massachusetts avenue, granddaughter of the late Senator Henry Cassaway Davis and niece of former Senator Elkins.

The artist has just painted a picture of Miss Davis portrayed in a simple white costume.

She rests on a stone lawn seat. In this pose she might just have returned from a game of tennis. Though she is in repose her pose suggests that she has paused only a moment from some vigorous activity.

Portrait of King Edward.

On the wall of the artist's studio hung a copy of his painting of the late King Edward, painted just before that monarch's death, in 1911.

"Soldiers and wars are national affairs," he said, in explanation; "art is international."

The original of this picture, despite the war, still hangs in the armory of a regiment at Budapest.

Baron Arpad believes that whatever the economic and political aftermath of the war may be, these animosities will not so much effect art. He believes artists should be the leaders in internationalism, and that their spirit some day may be reflected in the mental attitude of other men and women.

Picture Being Completed.

The picture of Miss Davis, in which Washington society folk are greatly interested, is being completed. It is interpretative, rather than photographic, and the better to express this characteristic of love of outdoors which she has in common with other American girls, a large part of the canvas is taken up with a background showing the lawn.

MAY CONFER ON PROGRAM

Preparedness Advocates Will Endeavor to Unify All Efforts.

A conference of representatives from patriotic and "preparedness" organizations throughout the country, will probably be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock in Memorial Continental Hall. The conference is for the purpose of "threshing out" the forty or more plans for greater "preparedness" in the United States, and arriving at some definite method, upon which efforts of all organizations may be concentrated.

Every organization probably will be represented by at least three delegates. Letters of invitation to various societies which might send delegates, are being sent out through the Navy League, although that body is not sponsoring the movement.



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FUNERAL OF CAPT. PERRY

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Funeral services for Capt. A. W. Perry, U. S. A., retired, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, will be held at the Church of the Epiphany Monday at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. R. H. McKim, pastor, will officiate. Interment will be in Arlington Cemetery with full military honors.

Captain Perry was in the cavalry branch of the service and served through the Spanish-American war. He was among the first of the American officers to be sent to the Philippines, and remained through the troublesome early days. He was retired shortly after his service in the islands was completed. Washington has been Captain Perry's home for eleven years. His residence was at 2003 I street northwest.

He is survived by a brother and two sisters.

GIFT FROM GOLDENBERG

Merchant Gives Employees' Relief Association \$1,000 Check.

Presentation of a check for \$1,000 from M. Goldenberg featured the banquet of the relief association of Goldenberg's employees at the department store last night.

Mark Dobrin, general manager of the store and president of the relief association, praised the generosity of Mr. Goldenberg. Millard Robey, vice president; Arthur H. Baum, treasurer; and Curtis L. Lewis, secretary, also praised their employer.

A committee, composed of Mr. Dobrin, Charles L. Pinney, advertising manager, and M. L. Robey, superintendent, was named to draft resolutions of thanks to Mr. Goldenberg.

Mr. Dobrin told of the rapid strides of the organization, which has now a membership of 250.

L. L. Reese, Nathan Goodman, Miss M. Fuller, Miss R. Davis, Miss M. Horn, Harry Sanger, and W. Cornwell also spoke. Reports of the secretary and treasurer showed the association to be in prosperous condition.

POLICE CHANGES.

The following changes of desk clerks in the Police Department have been ordered by Major Pullman:

J. O. B. Gray, from First to Second precinct; Charles Giddings, Second to Eighth; Frank Strommen, Third to First; U. W. Hall, Ninth to Eighth; Jeremiah McCarthy, Ninth to Sixth; J. F. Hile, Sixth to Ninth; and Liston G. Broadhurst, newly appointed, to Third precinct.

SENATOR LODGE TO SPEAK AT ST. JOHN'S

Will Deliver the Principal Address at Centennial Celebration Today.

In the absence of President Wilson, whose declination to attend remains officially unexplained, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts will be the principal speaker this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the second service of the centennial celebration at St. John's Church, at Sixteenth and H streets northwest.

Dr. Ralph Jenkins, who has charge of the celebration exercises, said today no speaker had been obtained to take the President's place on the program.

White House Statement.

He said the White House would make any explanation that is to be made of the President's absence. The White House had no statement to make other than to say that the best of cordial relations prevailed between the President and the Rev. Dr. Roland Cotton Smith, rector of St. John's.

The Bishop of Washington, the Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and Rear Admiral Charles H. Stockton, U. S. N., retired, and president of George Washington University, will be the other speakers this afternoon.

Reception at Rauscher's.

From 4:30 to 7 o'clock this evening there will be a reception at Rauscher's. Admission to the services at the Church will be by ticket only. Tickets will not be necessary for the reception.

The anniversary celebration will come to a close tomorrow morning. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 o'clock, and the Right Rev. William A. Leonard, D. D., Bishop of Ohio, will deliver a sermon after the morning prayer services and celebration of Holy Communion at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. George William Douglas will deliver a sermon at the evening prayer services which begin at 4:15 o'clock.

WOULD OUTLAW CIGARETTE

Oklahoma House Passes Bill Making
Smoker Liable to Arrest.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 13.—A law under which the smoking of a cigarette in Oklahoma would make the smoker liable to arrest is in prospect.

A bill with that end was passed by the House of Representatives. The measure would make it unlawful to offer for sale or give away cigarettes.

ARCTIC EXPLORER COMING.

Capt. Roald Amundsen, accompanied
by the Norwegian Consul at Chicago,

F. Herman Gade, and Mrs. Gade, is expected in Washington tomorrow morning. The distinguished explorer will be in the city for about a week, and will be entertained by the Norwegian Minister, Mr. Bryn, who is giving a dinner for him on Monday evening, and by Rear Admiral Peary, Major-General Greeley, and Gilbert M. Grosvenor.

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When the ten Allies slammed, if they did not lock, the door of diplomacy, in the face of the Central Powers' request for a peace conference, what did the act portend for Europe, for Canada, and for the United States?

In THE LITERARY DIGEST, dated January 13th, there is a most comprehensive review of the peace negotiations from all angles.

The first impression of the German press, as gathered from Berlin dispatches, is that the Entente's reply could only be answered by the sword. "Let Hindenburg answer," exclaims the Berlin *Lokal Anzeiger*. Other German and Austrian editors are confident of victory and equally energetic in citing their opinions.

Press comment in the Entente nations endorses the rejection of Germany's proposals, and expresses confidence in ultimate victory for the Entente Allies.

The London *Morning Post* quotes its Budapest correspondent's statement that peace proposals of the Central Powers are prompted by "the knowledge that relief must come within six months from the present time at the outside, if internal troubles of the most serious character are to be avoided," since "in Austria-Hungary the available stocks of food will not last even for six months."

Read THE LITERARY DIGEST this week by all means, if you would get a true perspective of the peace negotiations up to date.

Other articles of great public interest in this number are:—

Business Conditions America Will Face After War Ends

Opinions of Prominent Financiers and Authoritative Economic and Commercial Journals

How the United States Led the World
in Commerce in 1916

What the Allies Mean by Peace
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The Church's Duty to the Stage

"The Digest" An Impartial Chronicler of the War

A great war such as that now decimating Europe tends to push men very far apart. The ideals and ideas for which each group is striving become necessarily more and more emphasized as time goes on, which tends inevitably to foster in each faction a point of view so alien to that of the other that it is almost impossible for its adherents

to form a fair estimate of what their opponents think or do. How then shall we of the West arrive at an impartial judgment as to the positions and aims of the various combatants? The answer: Read THE LITERARY DIGEST, which gives without bias the views of both sides. This is the one perfect solution of this difficulty. Better begin reading it to-day.

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